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Re: FOIA Control No. 2019-666

Mr. Sankin:

This letter responds to your application for expedited processing in connection with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, FOIA Control No. 2019-666, seeking "documents and records regarding communications between . . . your agency and the White House about the executive order being drafted by the Trump administration on moderation bias on social media." By this letter, we grant your request for expedited processing.

Section 0.461(h) provides that a request for expedited processing shall be granted where a requester demonstrates a compelling need for expedited processing and certifies his request to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge. Our rules provide that the term "compelling need" means (1) "[t]hat failure to obtain requested records on an expedited basis could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual" or (2) "[w]ith respect to a request made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, there is an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity."[1]

Your justification for expedited processing states that you are a member of the news media and that there is an urgency to inform the public regarding the requested records.

We conclude that the reasoning you provide justifies granting expedited processing on the basis that you are a person primarily engaged in disseminating information and there is an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged government activity. Therefore, we grant your request for expedited processing. We will commence the search for records responsive to your request and anticipate responding to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ryan Yates
Attorney Advisor

cc: FCC FOIA Office

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[1] 47 C.F.R. § 0.461(h)(3)